

CODS COMMITTEE MEETING 28th APRIL 2026
AT THE OLD TOWN HALL, CREDITON

1. Present: LB/CP/GM/NG/CS/YY/MC/TC/JS
Apologies: PW
2. Review of minutes of last meeting: 5 March 2026
ACTION: Add CP as an apology to March minutes
Proposed: CP Seconded: TC All in Favour: All
3. Actions from previous meeting
Agreed to invite the Mayor to Joseph.
Bought the Rock of Ages logo for advertising purposes.
LB has organised the refund of £22.50 for Willow. CP/MC to action
CS asked Ruth Towers to join committee – can't do Tuesdays. GM asked
Hannah Zorlu and she would be honoured. LB has asked Claire Lethbridge to
join she will consider it.
ACTION: GM to provide content for PW to send out about choral
questionnaire
ideas from members.
4. Correspondence/Communications
YY had email from Andy & Caroline from Ashgroves. Huge congratulations for
Joseph. MC had email from Lees also enjoying the show.
5. Treasurer's Report (CP)
Current balance £30,000 approx. Most Joseph bills paid. £2,000 grant
received.
Rough loss of £1,400 for Joseph. Report on Google Drive.
Proposed: NG Seconded: GM All in favour: All
6. Safeguarding Update (LB)
Report due to safeguarding matter during the show.
7. Compliments/Complaints/Feedback (GM)
None
8. Executive Positions (Chair, Treasurer & Secretary)
LB advertised the positions.
YY co-opted back onto the committee – acting Secretary
All in favour.
9. Fundraising/Grants (TC)
£2000 grant received and will be used for the quadrants (staging)
ACTION: CP to talk to Chris Welch about purchasing these.
TC to ask MC for information on how to apply for the Tesco tokens.
£970.52 collection for Foodbank – MC proposed we round it up to £1000 for
presentation at AGM.
Proposed: MC Seconded: NG All in favour: All

10. CYTA fees (LB)

LB would like to raise fees as doing a large show in October and will be doubling rehearsals. Currently £2 a session, would like to increase it to £4 (£20 per month). MC suggested its £20 performance fee and £10 membership.

ACTION: LB to discuss MC suggestion with Holly Harris.

11. Productions/Events

11.1.1. Joseph (14-18 April) update from Director (HH) & Production Manager (GP)

Discussions had around Holly Harris' email. CP has sorted out the seating blocks for 'in the round' so won't be an issue for future productions. Need to ensure knowledge is passed on so we don't have a single point of failure.

LB received an email from Chris Welch about the production.

Concerned there's been a lack of communication from CODS. Email all bookings to Chris.

LB read out Production report – is on google drive.

MC said Holly Harris did an amazing job as Director and Social

Media.

MC doesn't believe Simon Carter delivered what he signed up to deliver. Holly Harris has verbally agreed Simon confirming his appointment as MD.

Any future correspondence to MDs/Choreographers etc especially when confirming appointments and fees should come from the CODS1964 email address.

CP suggested that we don't go ahead with Simon Carter as MD did not fulfil his contract. CP will email him and pay his fee.

as he

All in favour: All

11.1.2. Venues (CP)

Concern with number of people helping. Lots of work to be done at this particular venue. Need to consider using Western Road instead. Reduces a lot of work and effort. New floor needs to be built if we continue to use the Barnfield site.

11.1.3. Flooring (CP)

(Discussed briefly above in Venue section) Needs replacing and cost approx £3,000 to do this. May not be needed if we change to Western Road.

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11.1.4. Choral (September) update – Chaperones (LB)

LB to contact potential chaperones for the junior members at rehearsals

choral

11.1.5. CYTA Matilda Jr (October) update (LB)

Old Going well. Launch night is Wednesday 6th May, 6.30pm at The Town Hall.

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so 11.1.6.Autumn Play (TC)
PW has suggested that CODS could possibly do a play but maybe the Crediton Arts Centre as Matilda Jr is being performed this year can't use the school. Happy for him to look into doing this.
ACTION: TC to talk to PW about options.

11.1.7. 2027 Rock of Ages update – MD
Emily Morgan has registered her interest to MD Rock of Ages.
Georgia Steer would like to choreograph the show.
Proposed: TC Seconded: CS All in favour: All

11.1.8.2028 Dirty Rotten Scoundrels update
Not discussed

12. Park House Project monthly update
Not discussed

Details of future meetings

- Second Tuesday of the month
 - 26 May
 - AGM 10 June
- Please send agenda items to Yvonne by the first Tuesday of the month
- Papers available in Google Drive by the Friday before the meeting